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Kenneth Kiron and Kevin S. Bander

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For: Open End Mutual Fund Securitization Process

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application of co-pending prior Application No. 09/140,868 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). The parent application was filed on August 27, 1998 by Applicants Kenneth Kiron and Kevin S. Bander and is similarly entitled "Open End Mutual Fund Securitization Process." The parent application is a divisional of Application No. 08/542,431 filed on October 12, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,806,048.

Benefit of Prior U.S. Applications

The attached continuation application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications, as indicated below.

Papers Enclosed

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d), the specification filed herewith contains no new matter. Accordingly, a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application (U.S. Application No. 09/140,868, which is a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from its parent application (U.S. Application No. 08/542,431, now U.S. Patent No. 5,806,048), is submitted herewith.

The papers attached are as follows:

- Specification, Claims and Abstract, as originally filed October 12, 1995;
- Three (3) sheets of Drawings containing Figures 1A-1L and 2, as originally filed October 12, 1995;
- Substitute Specification and Abstract, filed February 9, 1998;
- Amendment filed February 9, 1998 amending the Claims;
- Preliminary Amendment filed August 26, 1998;
- Response to Office Action filed September 2, 1999 amending the Claims; and
- Terminal Disclaimer filed September 2, 1999.

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Additional Papers Enclosed

A Preliminary Amendment is also attached requesting cancellation in the attached application of claims 19-51 before calculating the filing fee.

A copy of the executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - Small Business Concern from the parent application (U.S. Application No. 09/140,868), which is a copy of the executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - Small Business concern from its parent application (U.S. Application No. 08/542,431, now U.S. Patent No. 5,806,048).

Declaration or Oath (including Power of Attorney)

As previously stated, a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior U.S. application (U.S. Application No. 09/140,868) is submitted herewith, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d). Also enclosed is a copy of the Associate Power of Attorney filed September 2, 1999 in Application No. 09/140,868.

Incorporation by Reference

The entire disclosure of the prior applications, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same as that for the parent application.

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Relate Back--35 U.S.C. 120

As required under 35 U.S.C. 120, the Specification of the attached application has been amended in the Preliminary Amendment to include the following specific reference to the earlier filed parent application:

"This application is a continuation of co-pending prior U.S. Application No. 09/140,868 filed August 27, 1998 which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 08/542,431 filed October 12, 1995 now U.S. Patent No. 5,806,048."

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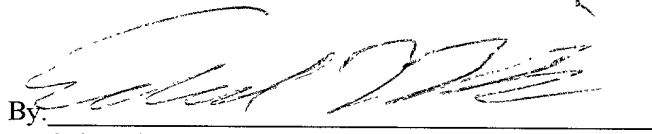
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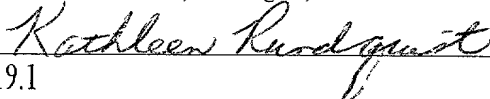
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(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.7(c))--SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

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OPEN END MUTUAL FUND SECURITIZATION PROCESS

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NY NY 10019

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d). For purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

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☒ the application identified above.

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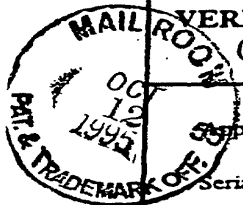
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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 7(b))--INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

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Title: Open end Mutual End Securitization Process

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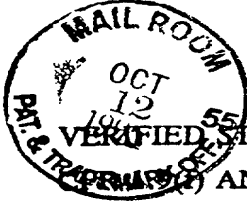
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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.27(a)-Small Inventor AND 1.27(b)-Independent Inventor

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☐ application serial no. _____, filed _____

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

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In the Specification:

On page 1, line 5 (of the Substitute Specification), please insert

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In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 19-51 and add the following Claims:

-- 52. An electronic data processing method for administering a financial product traded as a security comprising:

- a) creating a mutual fund comprising a plurality a selected portfolio of securities;
- b) receiving information on each of said one or more securities in the selected portfolio in an electronic data format;
- c) processing said information to determine in real time the price of the financial product on the basis of a user-defined method of weighting the selected portfolio of securities.

53. A method comprising the steps of:

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creating an open ended mutual fund having a class of shares and a portfolio comprising of securities satisfying a predetermined criteria;

identifying a revised set of securities satisfying the predetermined criteria;

changing the securities comprising the portfolio in response to the identifying of the revised set of securities;

determining in real time the price of the financial product based on a user-defined method of weighting the securities comprising the portfolio.

54. The method of claim 53 further comprising the step of trading the outstanding class of shares on an exchange.

55. The method of claim 53 further comprising the step of listing the outstanding class of shares on an exchange.

56. The method of claim 53 further comprising the step of correlating the price of the outstanding class of shares to the price of the portfolio.

57. The method of claim 53 further comprising the step of calculating overall positions of shareholders of the outstanding class of shares.

58. The method of claim 53 further comprising the step of calculating a net asset value of the mutual fund.

59. The method of claim 53 further comprising the steps of buying and selling the outstanding shares of the mutual fund at an agreed upon price.

60. The method of claim 53 further comprising the steps of trading the outstanding shares of the mutual fund on an exchange and tracking the trades on the exchange.

61. The method of claim 53 further comprising the step of electronically trading the outstanding shares of the mutual fund.

62. The method of claim 53 further comprising the step of creating a derivative product related to the open ended mutual fund.

63. The method of claim 53 further comprising the step of clearing trades of the open ended financial product.

64. A method comprising the steps of:

creating an open ended mutual fund having a plurality of shares and comprising of a selected portfolio of securities;

trading the shares on a securities exchange;

determining a price of the mutual fund in real time based on information about the portfolio and a user-defined method of weighting;

providing an indication of the in real time determined price of the mutual fund;

designating a revised portfolio of securities; and,

changing the securities comprising the mutual fund in response to designating a revised portfolio of securities.

65. The method of claim 64 further comprising the steps of listing the shares on an exchange and trading the shares on the exchange.

66. The method of claim 64 further comprising the step of correlating the price of the shares to the price of the portfolio.

67. The method of claim 64 further comprising the step of calculating overall positions of shareholders of the shares.

68. The method of claim 64 further comprising the step of calculating a net asset value of the mutual fund.

69. The method of claim 64 further comprising the steps of buying and selling the shares of the mutual fund product at a mutually agreed upon price.

70. The method of claim 64 further comprising the steps of trading the outstanding shares of the mutual fund on an exchange and tracking the trades on the exchange.

71. The method of claim 64 further comprising the step of electronically trading the outstanding shares of the mutual fund.

72. The method of claim 64 further comprising the step of creating a derivative product related to the open ended mutual fund.

73. The method of claim 64 further comprising the step of clearing trades of the open ended mutual fund.

74. An electronic data processing method for calculating the estimated price of a real time open end financial product comprising the steps of:

identifying a group of securities;
retrieving data representative of a group of securities and the current estimated price of each security;
storing the value of the securities in a portfolio within a computer;
allocating said portfolio value to a fixed number of shares over a predetermined period of time comprised by a real time open ended financial product;
recalculating the portfolio value in response to changes in the market value of the portfolio value;
recalculating the estimated net asset value of the real time open end financial product in response to the change in the portfolio value;
outputting an indication of the in real time determined estimated net asset value of the real time open end financial product.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in connection with a continuation Application. The above Claims do not introduce new matter. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any deficit in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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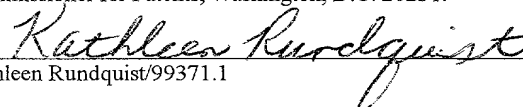
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OPEN END MUTUAL FUND SECURITIZATION PROCESS

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This application relates to a new financial process which securitizes open end mutual funds to facilitate intra-day trading of the funds and linked derivative securities.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

There are currently over 7,000 open end mutual funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. None of these open end mutual funds, or any index of open end mutual funds, or any linked derivative, are traded on a National Securities Exchange. The reason for this phenomenon lies in the way that open end mutual funds sell their shares, and subsequently buy back their shares from the public.

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Open end funds are required by law to sell their shares at the net asset value (N.A.V.), which represents the total assets owned by the fund, less the total liabilities, divided by the number of shares outstanding, plus a sales charge (also known as a sales load). When buying back their shares, open end funds must, by law, buy back their shares at their fund's N.A.V.

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Many mutual funds make hundreds (if not thousands) of trades during the day, purchasing and selling a wide range of financial securities, some of which are difficult to value. Thus, it is time consuming, tedious, expensive and otherwise difficult to determine an exact N.A.V. during the day. Consequently, over 99% of all open end funds allow investors to purchase and sell their funds only at the end of the day. The remaining 1% of open end funds, commonly known as sector funds, calculate their N.A.V. every hour, allowing a more frequent ability to buy or sell their shares. In either case, however, the investor does not know what price will be paid for the open end fund shares until after the order has been placed, and the fund has calculated its N.A.V.

Recently, mutual fund portfolio managers have developed a new type of mutual fund called an open end fund of funds. A fund of funds is an open end fund that invests in other open end mutual funds. But like all the other open end funds created in the past, they can only be bought and sold at the end of the day.

Another new product developed is called the SPDR™, which is short for Standard and Poors Depository Receipt. This security, which is traded on the American Stock Exchange, represents a fractional share of a basket of stocks known as the Standard and Poors 500 index (S&P500). While many mutual

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buy and sell a small number (less than six percent) of all open end mutual funds at a price other than net asset value, provided buyer and seller can agree on a price. This service has failed to generate significant trading volume, however, because only the public can buy or sell fund shares. Institutional investors, pension funds, portfolio managers, and other professional investors, which traditionally represent 70 to 80% of trading volume, are prevented by law from buying or selling open end mutual funds at a price other than N.A.V. The Jack White program also allows short selling, but shares must be "found," which can take days, weeks, or months to complete the transaction. As a result of these restrictions, it is very difficult, if not impossible, for either the public or the professional investor to purchase or sell open end mutual funds during the day.

Because of the lack of liquidity and the legal obstacles involved in trading open end funds at prices other than N.A.V., up to now, those skilled in developing new products for stock exchanges thought that there was no workable way to trade open end funds, an index of open end funds, or linked derivative securities. The obstacles appeared insolvable.

All of the open end funds and products presently available suffer a number of disadvantages:

A) Open end funds cannot sell or buy back their shares at a price other than N.A.V. (plus sales load, if any).

B) Open end funds are unable to let their customers know what price they will receive when they place their order.

5 C) Open end funds are not traded on an exchange so investors cannot leverage their investments through the trading of derivative securities.

D) Open end funds do not allow investors to place orders including: good 'til cancelled (GTC), open, market, limit, stop loss, or stop limit, which would allow an investor to purchase or sell shares at a specific price or time.

E) Open end funds impose fees for purchases and sales of their shares if they occur frequently

F) Open end funds impose fees for investors who do not own
15 a minimum amount of shares.

G) Open end shares cannot be easily sold short. Shares must be found, which could take days, weeks or even years.

H) All shares of open end mutual funds and unit investment trusts theoretically could be redeemed in one day, meaning a fund may have its assets drop to zero at any time.

I) Open end fund shares cannot be sold or purchased except through written notification, which may take several days to mail or process.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention's open end fund securitization process will allow for the first time: (a) intra-day trading of an unlimited number of mutual fund indexes comprised of open end funds; (b) intra-day trading of an unlimited number of open end mutual funds with a greater degree of liquidity; and (c) intra-day trading of derivative securities linked to open end funds and indexes of open end funds.

10 This process is made possible by the creation of a second type of security, which will invest substantially all of its assets in the targeted open end mutual fund shares. The preferred embodiment for this new security is a "closed end fund of funds", which has a fixed number of shares
15 outstanding, and a constant portfolio which is invested exclusively in the shares of the targeted open end fund(s). The result is a new security which will synthetically replicate the performance of those shares purchased, and do so with a high degree of correlation and consistency. This new
20 security can then be listed on a National Securities Exchange and traded without restriction. After trading begins, linked derivative securities can then be listed and traded.

25 Other objects and advantages of the present invention include:

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- A) Any open end fund, when securitized, can be listed on a stock exchange and traded at any second, minute or hour, regardless of the open end fund N.A.V.
- 5 B) Investors can determine what price will be paid before an order is placed.
- C) A National Securities Exchange (N.S.E.) will be able to list derivatives on the securitized open end funds, because of the greater price transparency generated through the trading of the securitized open end funds. The invention will act as
- 10 a hedge for market makers who wish to lay off their risk of making markets in options on the underlying security.
- D) Investors will be able to leverage their investments.
- E) Investors will be able to place GTC, open, stop loss, market, limit orders when buying or selling their funds.
- 15 F) Investors can buy or sell the securitized funds as often as they wish with no penalty.
- G) Investors will be able to purchase or sell their shares immediately by making a phone call to their broker, or by electronic trading.
- 20 H) Investors will not be charged arbitrary fees for frequent purchases or selling of the securitized open end funds.
- I) Investors will not be charged additional fees for owning small quantities of shares.
- J) The securitized funds have fixed number of shares which
- 25 provides stability of asset levels.

K) Investors will be able to sell shares short quicker, and with greater liquidity.

L) Open end fund management will benefit from reduced volatility in their cash levels and in their frequently traded customer account assets, resulting in lower fund expense ratios.

M) Investors purchasing a securitized fund will pay a reduced sales load in many cases than they would otherwise have to pay because of the bulk purchasing power the securitized fund will have when investing in specific open end funds.

Further objects and advantages include the ability to trade a futures contract on both a securitized fund share and an index of securitized fund shares with linked derivative securities. In addition, the present invention solves a long existing but unsolved and unrecognized need. Many investors, both professional and non-professional own multiple mutual funds in an effort to diversify their investment portfolio's. An index of open end mutual funds would allow greater diversification, lower transaction costs, expanded investment choices and the ability to measure their fund performance against a relevant benchmark index. The index could be calculated many different ways with a great deal of flexibility: equal price weighted, capitalization weighted, or geometrically weighted, depending upon the need. Still

further objects and advantages will become apparent from a consideration of the ensuing description and drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

5 The present invention will be more fully understood by reference to the following detailed description thereof when read in conjunction with the attached drawings, and wherein:

10 Figures 1A and 1B represent how an open-end mutual fund index is created in a general data processing computer. These figures represent computer requirements and also comprise a schematic flowchart of process operating therewithin.

15 Figure 2 illustrates how the preferred embodiment of an open-end mutual fund index is synthetically duplicated through the creation of a new security. The preferred embodiment for this new security is a "closed end fund" and linked derivative securities.

20 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

 Referring to Figure 1A, the box designated 10 represents an electronic database (a "master database") of extensive statistical information stored in a computer containing the entire universe of open end mutual fund statistics in
25 existence registered in the defined country or geographic area. The preferred embodiment database includes extensive

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statistics for each open end fund. This information includes
fund net asset value (N.A.V.) for each year, portfolio
composition, investment objective, load adjusted and
unadjusted return, maximum sales charge, median market
capitalization, daily, monthly, quarterly, yearly, multi-year
returns, mpt, beta, sharpe, R squared, standard deviation,
historical risk/reward ratios, N.A.V. distribution adjusted
earning, payout ratio, potential capital gains exposure,
price/book ratio, price/earnings ratio, prospectus, purchase
constraints, redemption fees, sector weighting, shareholder
fees, total return, total return percentile, turnover ratio,
deferred fees, debt % total capitalization, dividends,
distributor, telephone number, manager name, manager tenure,
class of shares, and brokerage availability. It will be
understood that not all of this information is required to
practice the claimed invention.

As also reflected in box 10, the computer itself has a
preferred specification of at least 420 megabytes of internal
memory (hard drive), eight megabytes of RAM (random access
memory), a CD ROM player operating at 4x speed (at least), a
Pentium CPU, VGA monitor, and a keyboard.

The box designated 12 represents a computer program
algorithm or step that eliminates those funds not available
for purchase and puts these funds into a new database where

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these funds are stored in memory. This function acts as a filter eliminating from the search all open end mutual funds that are not available for purchase. The algorithm creates a new memory storage area containing those funds that fit within the criteria and stores those funds within a new section of the computer memory. This new memory location can be accessed by its new name: DATABASE #1. The history of open end mutual funds makes this algorithm very important. Because funds frequently close their doors to new money (as their popularity increases), keeping track of which funds can be purchased at the initial screening stage reduces the waste of memory that would occur by repeatedly saving large amounts of information redundantly to the hard drive.

15 The box designated 14 represents the step where a minimum asset size of the fund is selected; the time period(s) through which statistics will be retrieved (time t) is chosen and the computer is directed to create a new database where these funds are stored in memory. There are hundreds of funds that have assets of less than \$5,000,000. The ability to buy and eventually sell a large amount of shares in a thinly capitalized fund could be problematic. In addition, the smaller funds tend to be the most volatile and tend to have shorter track records to measure their past performance. The minimum asset size selection will direct the computer to

select only those funds that have a pre-selected asset level,
mitigating some of these potential problems.

5 The time period (t) for which statistics will be
chosen is very important. More so than many other types of
security, an open end mutual fund is "ranked" for its
performance based upon how well it does over specific time
periods. The ability to segregate fund statistics information
over various time horizons provide a unique tool to evaluate
10 a funds performance.

15 The box designated 16 represents a computer program
algorithm which separates the group of funds stored in a
database created by the step set forth in box 14. This new
group of funds is stored in a new memory location defined by
its specific investment criteria. This criteria may include
a subgroup including the fund investment objective or the
sector weightings of its portfolio. Currently, the major fund
investment objective subgroups include Aggressive Growth,
20 Growth and Income, Growth, Income, Bond, Sector, Asset
Allocation, Specialty, Equity Income, Europe Stock, Foreign
Stock, Government Bond, Hybrid Income, Small Company, World
Stock and World Bond.

25 The box designated 18 represents a computer program
algorithm which searches and identifies all the funds where

the statistical performance is greater than the aggregate subgroup over time periods (t) and puts these funds into a new database where these funds are stored in a new memory location. The performance of a fund can be measured in many ways. It could be based upon total return, load adjusted return, unadjusted load return, or a return with dividends reinvested. Once the specified performance criteria have been selected, the computer can average all of the funds in that subgroup before retrieving those funds that have above average returns. All funds, for example, that have returns better than 50% of the funds in the universe would be selected as being above the "average" subgroup return. These funds would then be stored in a new memory location, to be analyzed at a later time.

The box designated 20 represents an algorithm where the computer searches and retrieves all funds where the risk is smaller than the aggregate subgroup over time periods (t) and stores these funds in a new database. Funds, for example that have a smaller risk profile than 50% (the exact average) of the funds in the subgroup would be selected as beating the "average" subgroup return. These funds would then be stored in a new memory location, to be analyzed at a later time.

Referring to Figure 1B, the box designated 22 represents an algorithm where the computer combines the funds identified

by the steps taken as set forth in boxes 18 and 20 to create a new group of open end mutual funds that have the lowest combined risk to return ratio over time periods (t) and puts these funds into a new database where the information on these funds is stored in a new memory location. Generally, this type of function is called a Relationship Search routine because it allows for linking together user defined criteria to produce one result. It is a very powerful tool for linking large amounts of information together.

The box designated 24 represents a step where the number of funds that the index will contain is chosen. This number could range from 1 to the number of funds in the database. Depending upon the investment objective or how much money is available to invest in the index, this number will fluctuate.

The box designated 26 represents the step where the index calculation method is selected. An index generally is calculated one of three ways; "Equally Priced", meaning all of the price are added up and divided by the total number of securities; "Capitalization Weighted", which is based upon the amount of price of the security times the number of shares outstanding; or "Geometrically Weighted", which involves a more complicated averaging of share prices. The index value can dramatically shift depending upon what weighting is used.

The box designated 28 represents a step that uses a formula which sequentially analyzes each risk/reward ratio of each permutation of funds selected by the computer in step represented in the box designated 30.

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Box 30 is an algorithm wherein the general data processor eliminates the large risk/reward combinations found in "database index" using the formula determined by box 28, and sequentially stores in memory the smallest risk/reward combinations, stopping only when the smallest risk/reward ratio is found. This results in the selection of the final index. When all of the funds with superior returns have been identified and stored, and all the funds with lower than average risk have been identified and stored, the computer can then match up all of the different combinations of funds to determine which group contains the optimally lowest risk/highest return ratio. This ratio can be calculated over multiple time period to provide for example, the lowest ratio over 1, 3, 5, and 10 years. In the final group of funds, the number selected by the user pursuant to the step of box 24 will determine how many funds the index ultimately will contain.

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The box designated 32 represents the step of displaying a graph of the combined funds over time periods (t), showing their combined statistical performance based upon the

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calculation method selected set forth in box 26. The computer is instructed to return to box 10 so the program may repeat itself.

5 Referring to Figure 2, the box designated 40 represents the group of open end mutual funds selected pursuant to the steps set forth in Figures 1A and 1B. These funds own financial securities including stock securities (box 42), bonds and money market instruments (box 44) and or hybrid,
10 illiquid securities (box 46). The N.A.V. is calculated by the open end funds at the end of the day and disseminated to the closed end fund of funds.

15 The box designated 48 represents the closed end fund of funds which synthetically replicates the performance of those open end funds contained within box 40. By investing all available assets in box 40, the closed end fund of funds statistical performance correlates strongly and consistently with the open end funds located in box 40. A computerized
20 accounting and reporting system, located within the closed end fund of funds, receives overall position reports of changes in fund share ownership through an electronic data link with an exchange clearing computer represented by box 50. Box 48 is the National Securities Exchange ("N.S.E.") clearing computer
25 electronically calculating the overall positions of shareholders at the end of the day and then transferring all

shareholder information to the closed end fund. Upon receipt of this information, the accounting and reporting system generates information regarding tax liabilities, financial reports and other relevant documentation to shareholders, government agencies and other relevant parties.

Box 52 represents an electronic data link between the N.S.E. computer and the closed end fund of funds. The closed end fund of funds calculates its net asset value and disseminates that information to the N.S.E. on a daily basis. The N.S.E. then publishes that information to market participants including broker/dealers and institutional investors (box 54), market makers (box 56), brokerage firms (box 58) and public investors (box 60) who then buy and sell the synthetic fund shares intra-day at any mutually agreed upon price (which is used by market participants to derive the price of linked derivative securities). Linked derivative security valuations on the closed end fund of funds are generated, as represented by box 62, the valuation of which is based upon the market prices generated through real-time trading of the relevant closed end fund of funds by market participants located in box 54, box 56, box 58, and box 60. Box 62 is the N.S.E. computer calculating an index of various closed end fund of funds traded.

Box 64 represents the electronic data link between the N.S.E. clearing computer, which keeps track of the exchange trades that occur during the day, and the closed end synthetic fund.

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While the inventors believe that an index of open end mutual funds comprised of those funds that have the largest return on investment and the lowest risk combination may outperform those funds that, in contrast, have demonstrated lower returns and higher risk, it must be noted that past performance does not guarantee similar performance in the future.

Thus, the reader will see that the index of mutual funds described herein provides a means for identifying superior historical performance within each subgroup obtainable through a screening process which minimizes the selection of high risk/low return open end mutual funds and maximizes the selection of those funds with low risk/high return statistical data. The hope is that by identifying and investing within an index of funds that have demonstrated superior risk/return ratios within a particular sector, these funds will continue to produce superior returns with low risk in the future than their peers.

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The creation of a separate security, the preferred embodiment being a "closed end fund of funds", provides the means for investing intra-day in the desired open end funds, and enables market participants to derive a real-time valuation for linked derivative securities.

While the above description contains many specific examples, these should not be construed as limitations on the scope of the invention, but rather as an exemplification of one preferred embodiment thereof. Many variations are possible. For example, instead of creating a closed end fund of funds, a unit investment trust could be created to replicate the performance of an open end fund or group of funds. While this security could have large swings in its capitalization level, it nevertheless may be able to replicate the performance of an open end fund or group of funds, and act as a hedge for listed derivative securities.

In addition, an index could be created based upon such strict requirements that the index would be limited to just one fund. Another index variation might be one that selects only those funds that beat an external index such as the S&P500 or Dow Jones Industrial Average. In addition, an index of securitized funds, as well as linked derivative securities including puts and calls, futures, caps and floors, total return swaps, collars, warrants, equity swaps, swaptions,

knock-out options and variation thereof could be traded through the Over the Counter Market, which is located off the exchange floor. Accordingly, the scope of the invention should be determined not by the embodiments illustrated, but
5 by the appended claims and their legal equivalents.

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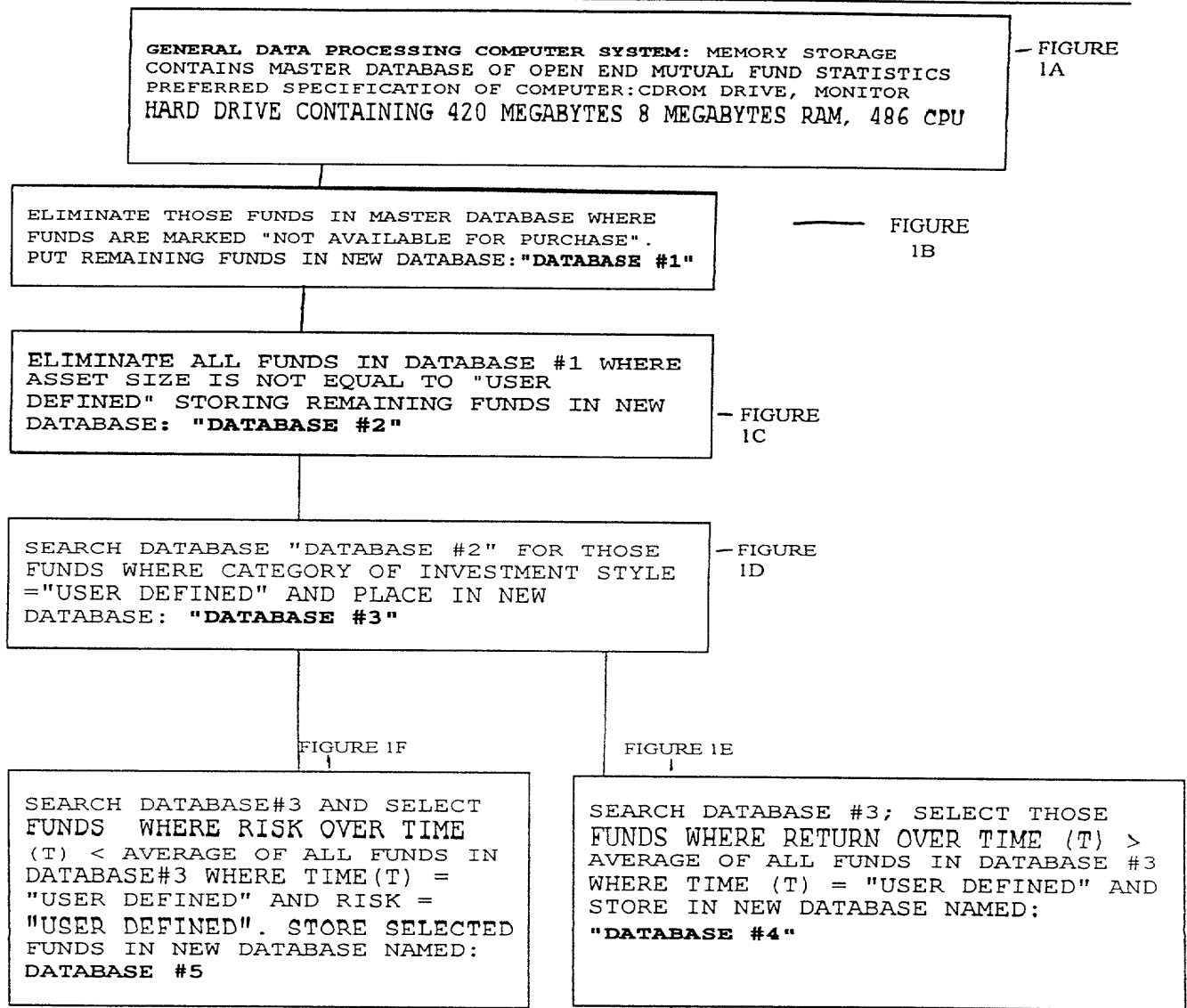
OPEN END MUTUAL FUND SECURITIZATION PROCESS

5 A mutual fund securitization process permitting the
trading of open end mutual funds and linked derivative
securities on or off the floor of a National Securities
Exchange. The targeted individual open end mutual fund or
group of open end mutual funds, selected through a screening
process is securitized through the creation of a new, separate
10 security. This new security is preferably a "closed end fund
of funds" and linked derivative securities, which
synthetically replicate the statistical relationship of the
defined individual or group of open end mutual funds. The
maintenance of financial records for the new security is
15 maintained by electronically storing dividend, capital gains
and income received from the open end funds which have been
invested in, and calculating pro-forma financial statements to
disseminate to shareholders and all relevant parties.

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FIGURE 1

SCHEMATIC FLOWCHART OF:
OPEN END MUTUAL FUND INDEX COMPUTER PROGRAM



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Figure 1 continued

COMBINE DATABASE "4" AND DATABASE "5" INTO NEW
DATABASE NAMED: "INDEX"

- FIGURE
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CREATE CONSTANT "NUMBER"; "NUMBER"= "USER
DEFINED" TOTAL NUMBER OF OPEN END MUTUAL FUNDS
TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE DATABASE "INDEX"
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— FIGURE
1H

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CREATE CONSTANT NAMED"CALCULATION" WHERE
"CALCULATION" = "USER DEFINED" CHOICE OF
<EQUALLY PRICE WEIGHTED>, <CAPITALIZATION
WEIGHTED>, <GEOMETRICALLY WEIGHTED>, OR
<CUSTOM WEIGHTED>
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- FIGURE
II

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CREATE FORMULA: "OPTIMAL RISK/RETURN (T)"
WHERE "OPTIMAL RISK/RETURN (T)" = "TOTAL
RISK/RETURN(T)"-"TOTAL RISK/RETURN (T-1)"
IF "TOTAL RISK/RETURN(T)" < "TOTAL
RISK/RETURN T-1" THEN REPEAT UNTIL
"TOTAL RISK/RETURN" YIELDS A GROUP OF
FUNDS WHERE NUMBER = "NUMBER"AND NO OTHER
COMBINATION OF FUNDS YIELDS A LOWER
RISK/RETURN RATIO OVER TIME (T) AND NAME
"FINAL INDEX"
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— FIGURE
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CREATE FORMULA "TOTAL RISK/RETURN" WHERE
"TOTAL RISK RETURN" = SUM (TOTAL RISK FOR
ALL FUNDS IN INDEX/TOTAL RETURN FOR ALL
FUNDS IN INDEX)" FOR TIME PERIOD (T)

— FIGURE
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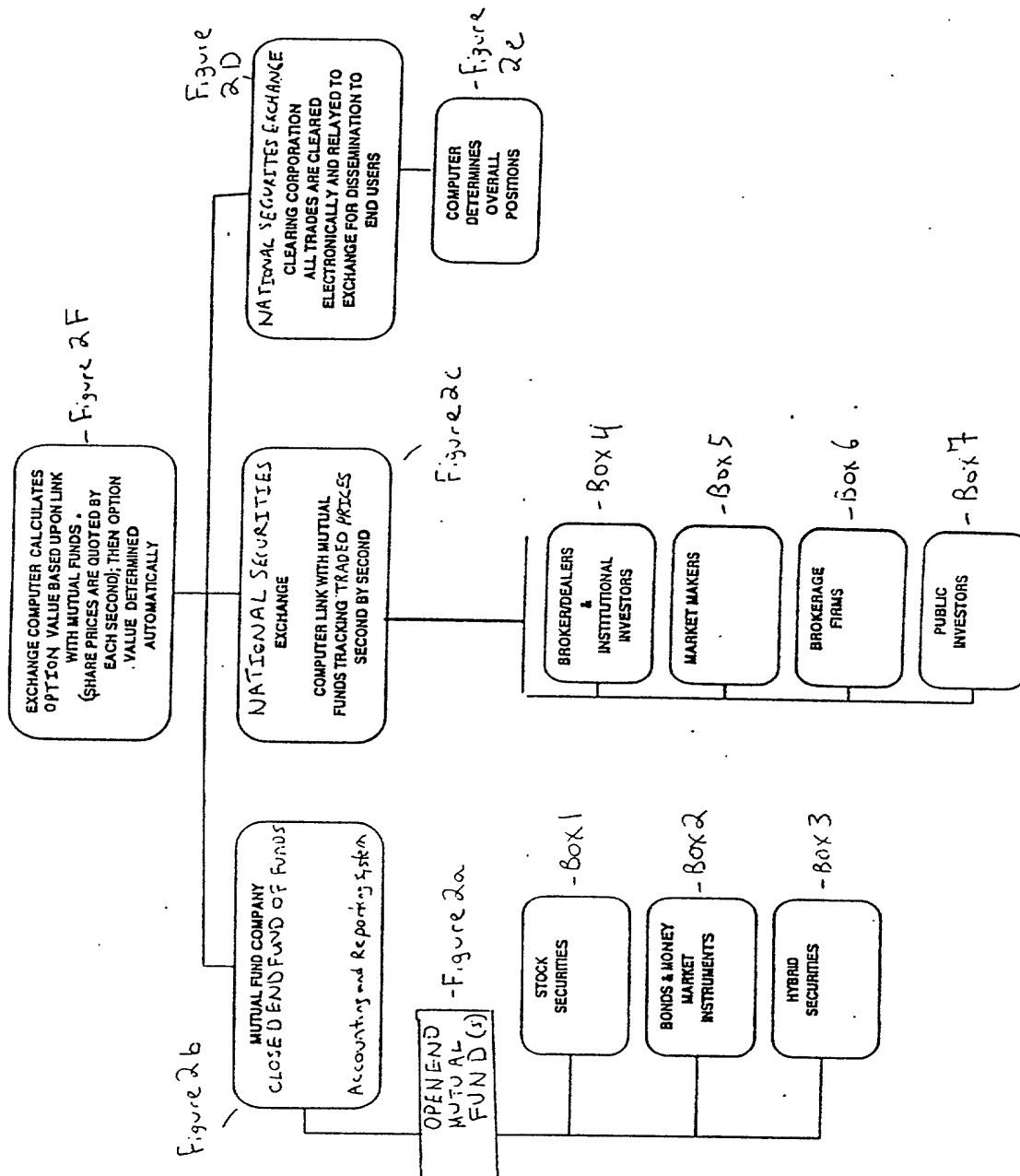
PRINT OUT A CHART OF "FINAL INDEX" FOR
TIME (T). RETURN TO FIGURE 1A TO REPEAT

- FIGURE
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FIGURE 2

PROCESS FOR INTRA-DAY TRADING OF SECURITIZED
OPEN END MUTUAL FUND,
INDEX AND LINKED DERIVATIVE SECURITIES

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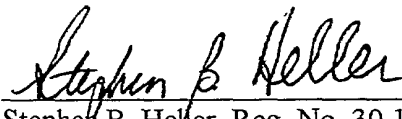
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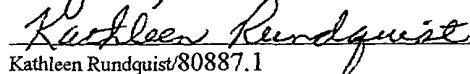


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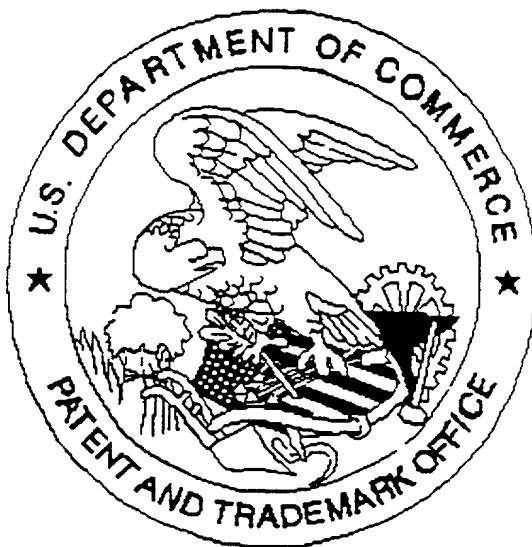
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